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Former NASA Contractor Employee Sentenced for Theft

On January 24, 2000, Ricardo A. Barrera, a former Security Guard at the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), was sentenced in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Maryland, Hyattsville, MD, to one year probation, 25 hours of community service, and ordered to pay a special court assessment of \$25. On October 13, 1999, Barrera pled no contest to one count possession of stolen property, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641.

This investigation resulted from information received from the GSFC Security Branch. Barrera was arrested by Special Agents of the NASA Office of Inspector General Office of Criminal Investigations after a search warrant executed at his residence uncovered stolen NASA property valued at approximately \$2,300.

This investigation was conducted by Special Agents from the NASA Office of Inspector General Office of Criminal Investigations, the U.S. Park Police, Prince George's County Police and the GSFC Security Branch. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Hollis Weisman, U. S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Maryland, Greenbelt, MD, 301-344-4029.

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